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1. [redacted] ship was entering the Kola Inlet, [redacted] several buildings on the isthmus between the peninsula and the mainland behind Toros Island (N 69-18, E 33-28); [redacted] there was a naval station there. 25X1
2. There was a gun battery on elevation No. 115 on Bolshoy Oleniy Island (N 69-13, E 33-29). The gun barrels were set at about a 45-degree angle. There was a rampart around the guns, which made the guns appear to be dug into the mountainside. There was some green camouflage on the rampart; [redacted] A circular radar screen mounted on wheels was also observed on elevation No. 115. A similar gun battery was observed on elevation No. 235 on Yekaterininskiy Island (N 69-27, E 33-27). 25X1
3. On both sides of the southern channel into Polyarnyy (N 69-12, E 33-28) there was a row of buoys which [redacted] supported nets to close off the channel. [redacted] a number of four- or five-story buildings with flat roofs in Polyarnyy. The buildings were painted a light color. A gun battery and a radar screen, similar to the ones observed on elevation No. 115, were located on elevation No. 175, south-west of Polyarnyy. 25X1
4. [redacted] a radio station on the ridge at the narrowest part of Salnyy Island (N 69-08, E 33-26). There was a lattice-type mast about 20 meters high with a box-shaped net screen. The screen was about 1.5 meters long, 1.5 meters wide, and 1.5 meters in breadth. [redacted] the screen was in a fixed position (see sketch on page 3). 25X1
5. A gun battery, similar to the one on elevation No. 115, was observed on elevation No. 405 east of Stolkoviy Point (N 69-07, E 33-27). There was a quay directly across from Alysh Bay (N 69-05, E 33-26). 25X1
6. On the elevation at Shavor Point (N 69-05, E 33-21), on the west side of Varlamova Bay, there was a low circular building with a flat roof and several low openings in the side. On the east side of the bay, on elevation No. 335, there was a similar building. 25X1

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7. There was a seaplane anchorage due east of the light buoy in Gryaznaya Bay (N 69-04, E 33-16). The anchorage had two ramps leading into the water, and two hangars. There were eight or nine flying boats on the ramps. They all had twin engines, and high wings; they were smaller in size than a Catalina. [redacted] a large round radar screen, which was probably mounted on wheels, on the elevation between Gryaznaya Bay and Serafin Height (N 69-04, E 33-16). 25X1
8. On the east side of Chelmpushka Bay (N 69-03, E 33-14) there was a large floating drydock; on the west side of the bay [redacted] a quay and a workshop installation. No large cranes were observed in the area. 25X1
9. A half-buried oil tank of medium size was observed west of Mokhnatkina Pakhta (N 69-05, E 33-11). No oil lines were observed, but there was a small wharf nearby.
10. [redacted] the following naval vessels on the way into Murmansk on 31 July: 25X1
- a. Three submarines and four or five small surface vessels at Polyarnyy. A small patrol boat lay at the southern entrance to Polyarnyy.
 - b. Cruisers [redacted] in Vayenga Bay. 25X1
 - c. A light cruiser in the floating drydock in Chelmpushka Bay.
 - d. Four or five small naval vessels moored side by side at the dockyard in Chelmpushka Bay; the vessels were red-lead.
11. [redacted] a number of destroyers at Rosta (N 69-03, E 33-05). There were two types of destroyers in the group; one type had two low broad stacks, and the other type had only one stack. Both types were about 325 feet long. [redacted] 25X1
- Two additional destroyers were also observed in the same area. These ships were camouflaged with irregular blue and white diagonal stripes. One side of the bow on each ship was painted white, and the other was painted dark blue. Several other vessels in the area were also camouflaged. All the naval vessels had small radar screens.
12. [redacted] ship was leaving Murmansk, it passed a light cruiser which lay at anchor north of Pinagorly Point (N 69-03, E 33-05). [redacted] The crew was assembled on deck in blue jackets and white trousers 25X1
13. At the mouth of the Kola Inlet four destroyers passed [redacted] ship. The destroyers turned eastward when they were well in the bay. Each of the destroyers had two stacks. One of them was towing a target, which consisted of two tanks connected by planks. There were two masts with canvas suspended between the masts. 25X1

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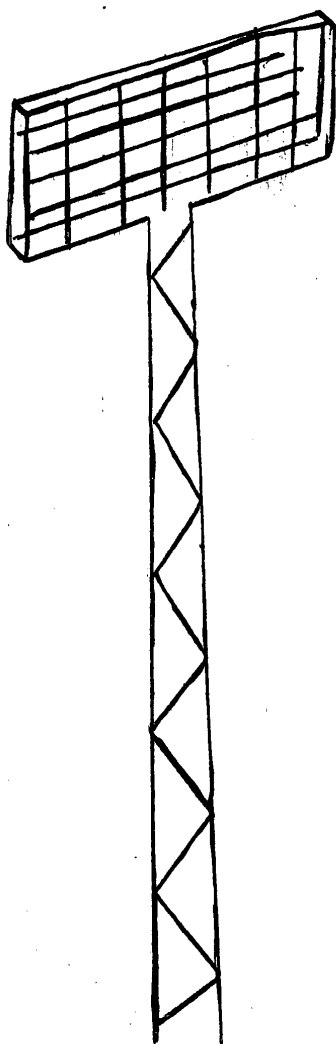
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Sketch of Soviet Mast and Screen:



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